

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following claims have now been canceled: 32 to 33, 49 to 50, 53 to 62.

Claims 63, 64 and 65 are new and are based substantially on claims 44, 53 and 57-59.

Claims 31, 44 to 48, 51, 52, 63, 64 and 65 are pending.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of claims 54-56, 60-62 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, Applicant submits that the cancellation of these claims overcomes this rejection.

Regarding the Examiner's objection to claims 32, 33, 49, 50, 53, 57-59 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form, the Applicant has cancelled these claims and has introduced new claims 63, 64 and 65, which overcome this objection. New claims 63, 64 and 65 do not introduce new matter. New claim 63 combines the subject matter of claim 44 and claims 53 and 57-59 in a new independent claim, thereby avoiding an improper dependent form. New claim 64 is based substantially on former claims 53 and 57-59 but has been reworded for compliance with proper dependent form. New claim 64 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 27, lines 20-25.

New claim 65 is based substantially on claim 44 and claims 57-59 and is now in an independent form, thereby avoiding an improper dependent form.

The sequence listing has been amended to correct minor formal matters for consistency with the claims. In SEQ ID NO: 65, "n" at position 26 has been replaced with "u" in the sequence at the numeric identifier <400> (as in SEQ ID NO:61 to 63) and (20)....(26) has been amended accordingly as (20)...(25) at the corresponding numeric identifier <222>. Similarly, as position 26 is "u" and not "n", (20)...(26) has been replaced with (20)...(25) at the numeric identifiers <222> for SEQ ID NO:61 to 63. For SEQ ID NO: 66, "k is g or t" has been replaced with "k is g or t/u" at the numeric identifier <223>.

We authorize the Director to charge any excess claim fees to Deposit Account number 19-2550.

If there are any remaining issues that you would like to discuss by telephone, please phone the undersigned at (613) 232-2486 ext. 264.

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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